

COUNTRY

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TOPIC

Rail Movements in Altengrabow and Vicinity

EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

DATE OF CONTENT

2 to 9 October 1952

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REFERENCES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. &amp; TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. On 2 October 1952, a train consisting of 6 boxcars with personnel and of an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 10 x 122-mm field howitzers, 12 trucks and 1 field kitchen passed through the Loburg railroad station, coming from Altengrabow (L 53/4 00). [redacted] on 4 October, a column consisting of 17 prime movers towing guns including 5 x 122-mm field howitzers, 10 trucks carrying personnel [redacted] passed through Altengrabow in the direction of Magdeburger Forth.

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The column hid in the woods south of the road from Magdeburger Forth to Drewitz. A road block was established by a guard detail with officers. The road block was still there on 9 October.<sup>1</sup>

2. On 5 October, a large number of trains left Altengrabow. [redacted]

[redacted] a train consisting of 6 boxcars with personnel and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 12 x 152-mm field howitzers, 12 prime movers, and 1 truck with field kitchen which passed through Moekern on 5 October and proceeded in the direction of Niederitz. [redacted] a soldier with a telephone was posted on the locomotive. On 6 October, a column consisting of 20 trucks [redacted]

[redacted] carrying unarmed personnel stood on the Magdeburger Forth-Doernitz road. On 7 October, a train consisting of 5 boxcars with personnel and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 10 x 122-mm field howitzers, 12 trucks [redacted] and 1 truck with field kitchen passed through Moekern in the direction of Niederitz.<sup>2</sup> [redacted] on 9 October, 2 trains passed through Loburg in the direction of Niederitz. One train consisted of an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 19 x 76.2-mm field guns, 20 trucks [redacted] and 1 truck towing a field kitchen, and of 5 boxcars with personnel. The other train consisted of 7 boxcars with personnel and carried 20 x 76.2-mm field howitzers and 24 trucks [redacted]

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1. [ ] Comment. Units of the 34th Arty Div (US) possibly conducted final exercises at the Altengrabow training grounds prior to departing for their posts. The 122-mm field howitzers mentioned must, however, have been cannons.

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2. [ ] Comment. There is reason to believe that the trains carried units of the 6th Arty Div which moved to the area of Dessau for the fall maneuvers of the Sixth Gds Army.

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[ ] A column of the 18th How Arty Bn was also observed marching through Wiesenburg on 9 October. The column observed on the Ladeburger North Doornitz road on 8 October belongs to the 34th Arty Div (US).

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3. [ ] Comment. [ ] Two trains went from Altengrabow to Rathenow on 9 October. They are possibly those mentioned in the present report, so, the guns would have had other calibers, as the brigades of the 6th Arty Div do not have that number of 76.2-mm guns.

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